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SUBJECT: SLEPAK'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 37610

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL WE INFORMED SLEPAK MARCH 16 OF
RECEIPT OF HIS MESSAGE TO THE WHITE HOUSE. WE EXPRESSED
PRESIDENT'S THANKS.

2. SLEPAK SAID HE WAS RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT TELEGRAM
HAD ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
THAT ITS RECEIPT HAD BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED.
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08.0203: HEAT REJECTION SYSTEMS. MAL'TSEV NOTED WITH PLEASURE THAT SOVDEL NOW IN U.S. IS COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF ACTIVE COLLING-TOWER SPECIALISTS. SOVIETS AWAIT RESULTS OF PCHEILIN'S DISCUSSIONS WITH BAUER, BUT BELIEVE COOPERATION WILL BE PRODUCTIVE.

08.03: COAL. SOVIETS BELIEVE COAL WILL NOW BECOME "MAIN FUEL" FOR BOTH COUNTRIES, AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE COOPERATION INCREASED. MAL'TSEV SAID THAT SOVIETS HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED FOR U.S. CONSIDERATION FIVE SPECIFIC AREAS, BUT THAT U.S. HAD INSISTED ON COOPERATION IN ONLY ONE, COAL ENRICHMENT. SOVIETS MAINTAIN THAT PROGRAM HAS BEEN AGREED (CONTRARY TO REF A) BUT THEY MAINTAIN THAT IT IS TOO NARROW. THEY ARE PREPARED TO BROADEN COOPERATION, AND MAL'TSEV HAS PROMITED TO VERIFY WHETHER SOVIETS ARE TARDY WITH INVITATION FOR USDEL VISIT.
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08.05: GAS. SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE U.S. DEL STARTING OCTOBER (SEPTTEL).

08.04: OIL. SOVIETS AWAIT RESULTS OF SOVDEL VISITING U.S. IN OCTOBER (SEPTTEL).

08.01: ENERGY INFORMATION AND FORECASTING. SOVIETS WANT TO ACTIVATE THIS IMPORTANT AREA, AND WANT TO SEND DELEGATION TO U.S. IN NOVEMBER (SEPTTEL).

08.0209: SOLAR. MAL'TSEV EXPLAINED THAT SOVIET AND AMERICAN DELEGATIONS SEEM PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF ASHKHABAD SEMINAR, AND HE HOPES THAT MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRAM WILL BE AGREED (U.S. DELEGATION HAS EXPLAINED TO US THAT SEMINAR WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN THAT U.S. HAS GAINED MUCH INFORMATION ON STATUS OF SOVIET SOLAR PROGRAMS; ON THE OTHER HAND, DEL BELIEVES THAT U.S. PROGRAM IS SO MUCH LARGER THAN SOVIET PROGRAM THAT LARGE COOPERATION PROGRAM IS EXCLUDED FOR PRESENT. FUTURE ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED.)

08.0205: U.H.V. TRANSMISSION;; 08.0204: AIR-POLLUTION REDUCTION; 08.0202, HYDROPOWER; 08.0201: THERMAL POWER STATIONS, SOVIET AGREE WITH U.S. VIEW THAT ACTIVITIES IN THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN MODEST BUT ACCEPTABLE. MAL'TSEV FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT THESE GROUPS COULD WORK MORE RAPIDLY AND EFFICIENTLY, AND HE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET SIDE TO DO SO.

5. COMMENT: SOVIET PREPARATIONS FOR THE JCM ARE MARKEDLY BETTER THAN THEY SEEMED IN FEBRUARY 1976, WHEN THE SECOND SESSION WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE. WE BELIEVE THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT

IN SOVIET ORGANIZATION TO BE THE RESULT OF
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DEPUTY MINISTER LOPATIN'S EFFORTS AND ATTENTION.
FURTHERMORE, SOVIETS SEEM EAGER FOR DISSENTION-
FREE, POSITIVE MEETING. DESPITE SEVERAL BITTER PILLS
WE TOOK TO MAL'TSEV FROM THE REFTEL, HE CAME BACK
POSITIVELY AND, SIGNIFICANTLY, DID NOT RAISE THE
CRYOGENIC REFRIGERATOR ISSUE. HE ALSO REVERSED
MAKSIMOV'S 1975 OFFER TO DROP GEOTHERMAL, AND
OFFERED A SMALL AMOUNT OF HOPE FOR KAMCHATKA.
SCICOUNS PLANS TO MEET WITH LOPATIN WEEK OF 26
SEPTEMBER. SOVIETS SHOULD HAVE REACTION TO U.S.
SUGGESTION ON DATES AT THAT TIME. AT THE MEETING
SCICOUNS WILL GO OVER WITH LOPATIN THE AREAS
WHERE THERE IS APPARENT DIVERGENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND
SOVIET VIEW, AS NOTED ABOVE. END COMMENT.

6 ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION
ON FOLLOWING POINTS IN VIEW OF MAL'TSEV'S COMMENTS REPORTED ABOVE.
GEOTHERMAL (08.0210); ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS (08.0206); AND COAL(08.0
3).
RESPONSE BY SEPTEMBER 26 SEPTEMBER WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.
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